### **Library battles beetles to save 100,000 old books**

Tens of thousands of antique books are in danger. They are being eaten by beetles. The centuries-old books are being taken off the shelves of a library in a medieval abbey in Hungary. Pannonhalma Abbey was founded in the year 996. It is four years older than the Kingdom of Hungary. One of the books in danger is a complete Bible from the 13th century. There are also hundreds of manuscripts from before the invention of the printing press in the mid-15th century. Library staff are carefully putting the books and manuscripts in wooden boxes. The boxes are being sealed in large plastic sacks. The oxygen has been removed from the sacks. After six weeks without oxygen, all of the beetles should be dead.

The insect eating the priceless books is the drugstore beetle, also known as the bread beetle. It usually feeds on dried foodstuff, like wheat, flour and spices. The bugs like to eat the gelatin and starch-based glue that are used to make books. Library workers realized something was wrong when they found lots of dust on the bookshelves. The librarians then found holes in the books. These were caused by the beetles chewing through the paper. The person in charge of getting rid of the beetles said: "We've never encountered such a degree of infection before." She explained she felt a lot of responsibility for saving the books. She said if a book is ruined, "a piece of culture has been lost".

**Homework:**

1. In your Vocab Notebook, write the words or phrases you did not know from the article, their definitions, and write a sentence using each word or phrase.
2. Write a full sentence answer for each question below.
3. How many books does the article say are in danger?
4. What was created four years after Pannonhalma Abbey was founded?
5. When was the printing press invented?
6. What will workers put wooden boxes in?
7. How long will it take to kill the beetles?
8. What is the drugstore beetle also known as?
9. What does the drugstore beetle usually eat besides wheat and flour?
10. What did library staff find lots of on library shelves?
11. What did a member of the library staff feel a responsibility for?
12. What did the staff member say was lost if a book was ruined?